

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: Process and Apparatus for Forming  
Packaging Bags with a Fastener

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR INTERFERENCE**  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.607

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application as follows: